

**REMARKS**

Enclosed is the priority document, i.e. German application No. 102 53 086.6, filed November 13, 2002.


Claims 1 to 5 are in the application of which claims 2 to 5 are indicated as being allowable over the prior art.

With regard to the rejection of claim 1, that claim has been amended to specify that the microstructure at the stated float and/or tube surface comprises a field of peaks, which is not found at the float surface of the cited Moriuchi reference. Any microstructure at that surface of the reference is neither depicted nor described.

Therefore, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn and the application allowed.

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